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TAGS: CPAS, CI (VIDOR, HARRY ERNEST AND VIDOR, JUDITH EMILY)

SUBJECT: CITIZENSHIP STATUS

REF: STATE 272125 AND PREVIOUS

1. CONSULATE REGRETS TARDINESS IN REPLYING TO PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE ON SUBJECT. GOC REPLIES HAVE NOT ANSWERED ALL QUESTIONS RAISED AND WE HAVE HAD TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFO. WE ARE UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHY THE MISSING OM CANNOT BE LOCATED, BUT FOLLOWING ARE REPLIES TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN COPY SENT TO US.

2. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND APPROPRIATE PERSON TO MAKE THE STATEMENT REQUESTED ABOUT THE ISSUED OF DURESS IN MR. VIDOR'S NATURALIZATION IN CHILE. NONE OF THE OFFICERS CURRENTLY AT POST WERE HERE IN 1960, BUT THOSE WHO HAVE STUDIED THE HISTORY OF CHILE DOUBT MR. VIDOR'S STORY. LOCAL EMPLOYEES AND OTHER CHILEANS WHO HAVE BEEN ASKED ABOUT THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE AT THE TIME POINT OUT THAT IT WAS EARLY IN THE TERM OF PRESIDENT JORGE ALESSANDRI, A CONSERVATIVE WITH AN AUTHORITARIAN BENT. AT THAT TIME THERE WERE ALMOST NO STRIKES OR DISORDERLY POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS AND SABOTAGE OF FACTORIES WAS EXTREMELY RARE. THERE WAS VERY LITTLE ANTI-AMERICANISM EVIDENT IN CHILE, AND AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN WERE SELDOM HARASSED IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED BY MR. VIDOR. NO ONE TALKED TO BY CONSOFFS KNOWS OF A CASE IN WHICH AN AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN WAS PRESSURED TO BECOME A CHILEAN CITIZEN. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO KNOW IF MR. VIDOR PRESENTED ANY PROOFS TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM OF DURESS.

3. CHILEAN DEPT. OF EXTRANJERIA (STATUS OF FOREIGNERS) HAS

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INFORMED EMBASSY THAT VIDORS ENTERED CHILE WITH VISITORS VISAS,

ISSUED IN ONE OF CHILEAN CONSULATES IN US, ON DECEMBER 15, 1951. VISAS HAD DURATION OF SIX MONTHS. ON MAY 1952, THEY REQUESTED CHANGE TO "ORDINARY" VISA WHICH GOOD FOR ONE YEAR. IN 1953 THEY REQUESTED PERMANENT RESIDENT VISAS AND REQUESTED NATURALIZATION IN 1960. EXTRANJERIA ADDS THAT REQUIREMENTS FOR NATURALIZATION ARE:

1. HAVE A CONTINUOS RESIDENCE IN THE COUNTRY FOR FIVE YEARS;
2. BE A LEGAL RESIDENT AND OVER 21;
3. RENOUNCE ONE'S NATIONALITY OF ORIGIN OR THAT CURRENTLY HELD,  
AND
4. HAVE EXCELLENT PERSONAL ANTECEDENTS AND HAVE NOT BROKEN CHILEAN LEGAL DISPOSTIONS.

4. AS THE EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD OF ANY PREVIOUS CITIZENS #LTVGCTIVITY BY THE VIDORS, WE HAVE NO INDICATION OF ANY CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY FOR INFORMATION OR ADVISE ABOUT THE EFFECT OF NATURALIZATION IN CHILE.

5. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD COPIES OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE IN FILE AND ANSWERS TO REMAINING QUESTIONS ASAP.  
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